

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

December 15, 2013

National Terrorism Advisory System

Current Alerts

There are no current alerts

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* Maps can be viewed in the attachment.

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I. OPEN DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES:

II. WEATHER:

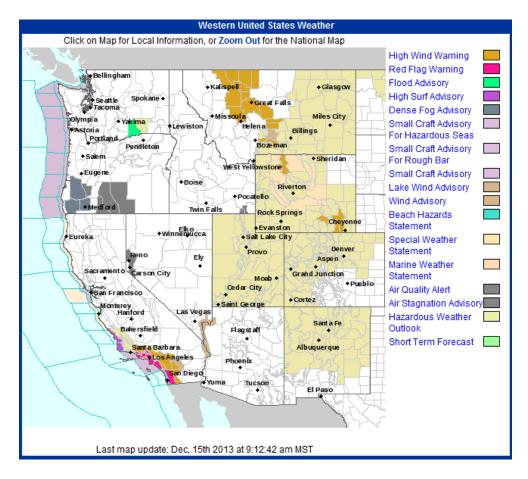
Santa Ana Wind Event

Cold surface high pressure over the Great Basin will force moderate to strong Santa Ana winds through and below passes and canyons of portions of Southern California through Sunday. These winds combined with low relative humidity, dry fuels, and warmer days will increase the potential for rapid fire growth and extreme fire danger this weekend in portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. The winds will weaken a bit late Sunday and into Monday; however, it will remain locally breezy, warm, and very dry.

NWS Santa Ana Wind Event Threat Matrix

Weather	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hazard Impact Table		Minimal	Low	Moderate	High	
Wind	Light onshore flow	Moderate to Strong Santa Ana flow	Moderate to Strong Santa Ana flow	Weak offshore locally moderate	Light wind	Onshore flow
Humidity	Low	Very low	Very low	Low	Low	Recovering
Scale for IMPACT		Elevated Fire Danger Brush Fires Travel in passes	_			
Confidence	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

State Weather Map



III. FIRES:

Overall Fire Risk:

Northern California

With mostly dry weather expected a gradual drying trend among dead and dormant fuels can be expected. Lower elevations, especially in the southern end of the region, are still the most vulnerable to wildfire occurrence when any N-NE/Offshore winds develop. Over the next 7 days there will be periods of at least light N-NE/Offshore winds so these conditions will be watched closely.

Southern California

Low Relative Humidity (RH) and warming temperatures will likely result in an increase in Initial Attack (IA) this weekend. Fuels will be highly receptive to ignition over areas which haven't seen any meaningful grass crop growth, especially across Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange Counties. In these areas, rains have been light and sporadic so far this season which has kept most fuels in a state of dormancy. Expect rapid rates of spread and unseasonably good consumption in any fire which develops in the windy areas. Large fire potential will be elevated in these areas, with less large fire potential further south toward San Diego County where some seasonal rains have occurred. IA and large fire potential will drop by the middle of next week as cooler and more humid weather returns.

Preparedness Levels:

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1 Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2 Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

IV. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY:

Northern California: NSTR

Southern California: NSTR

CAL OES MISSIONS:

New Missions:

2013-LAW-1842 On 12/14/13 at 1930 hours, Mendocino County Sheriff' Department has requested three (3) Area K-9 teams and 25 Type II ground searchers to assist in searching for a missing 39 yr old male. MP has been missing since 0730 hours, 12/14/13. MP has a known medical condition. LDO is coordinating request for K-9 resources with the Cal OES K-9 Coordinator and has called Humboldt, Lake and Sonoma Counties for ground search personnel to support this mission. UPDATE: 12/14/13, 2305 hours, 2 CARDA Area Search Dogs and a total of 38 type II ground search personnel will respond from Lake (24), Humboldt (3) and Sonoma (12) County Sheriff's Departments. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.

Ongoing Missions:

2013-LAW-1797 On 12/11/2013, at 1520 hours, Butte County S.O. requested a dive team and underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) with capability to search Lake Oroville at depths down to 300 feet for Wednesday, 12/18/13. Human Remains Detection (HRD) K-9's are also being requested in support of this mission to search land area's around two bridges. The water search will take place on Wednesday, 12/18 by the Placer County SO Dive Team. The land search utilizing the HRD K-9's will take place this Sunday 12/15. The Dive Team/ROV will be provided by Placer County Sheriff's Office. The HRD K-9's will be coordinated by the Cal OES Law Branch. UPDATE: 1600 hours, 12/12/13, Butte County requesting additional side scan sonar capabilities to assist on search scheduled for Wednesday, 12/18/13. LDO is coordinating resource request. UPDATE: 1050 hours, 12/13/13, Yuba County Sheriff's Marine Detail has agreed to assist Butte County on this mission request. Mission Ongoing

2013-FIRE-1787 12/10/13, 1551 hours, Glendale Fire Department requested California National Guard 9th Civil Support Team to support Rose Bowl Parade Activities on January 1 and 2.

2013-Southern-1468 Cal Trans/State Parks, Crystal Cove Slope Repair, Orange County, 12/02/13: Per Cal Trans, the majority of the work has been completed, but there is still some minor work that

needs to be done. The roadway is currently back open with no lane closures or travel restrictions. Due to unforeseen circumstances the estimated time for completion has been moved to the third week of December.

Closed Missions:

2013-LAW-1831 On 12/14/13 at 0742 hours, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, on behalf of Modesto Police Department, is requesting Human Remains Detection K-9 Resources to assist in the search for human remains. In summary, a human jaw bone was discovered at a residence in Modesto. Modesto Police Department is requesting the HRD resources to check nearby fields for additional human remains. LDO coordinated with the Cal OES K-9 Coordinator and obtained three CARDA HRD K-9 teams to assist Modesto Police Department in today's search. UPDATE: 12/14/13, 1519 hours, LDO was advised that K-9 teams had finished searching area for Modesto Police Department and were released to return to home base. **Mission Closed**

EMAC Colorado

2013-SOC-1459

Current: John Schuessler demobilized and returned to Sacramento on 12/13/13, as scheduled. Two (2) Public Assistance Crew Leaders from Cal OES Recovery were deployed to Colorado beginning 11/12/13 and ending 12/13/13. Public Assistance personnel are paired with FEMA Crews to provide assistance to communities impacted by the flood. Colorado requested the extension of both team members. Due to workload concerns, California approved the extension of Richard Green until 12/21/2013.

* Richard Green, Disaster Assistance Program Specialist

2013-SOC-1417, four (4) Public Assistance staff from Cal OES Recovery were deployed to Colorado beginning, 10/28/2013 and ending 12/2/13. Public Assistance personnel are paired with FEMA Crews for communities declared in the disaster. Colorado requested and California approved the extension of all team members until 12/21/2013.

- * Donald Cardenas, Public Assistance Crew Leaders
- * Robert Larsen, Public Assistance Crew Leaders
- * Glenn Cadman, Public Assistance Crew Leaders
- * Clyde Muraoka, Public Assistance Crew Leaders

V. AGENCY/DEPARTMENT REPORTS: NSTR

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS, TRAINING, EXERCISES: NSTR

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